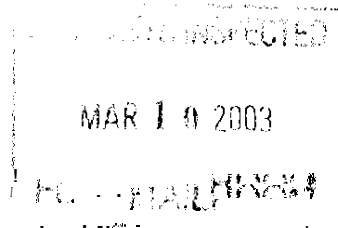


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The regulation prohibiting a company from owning a television station in the same area where it owns a newspaper serves an important purpose.

In order to make intelligent choices I need to be well informed. If my information comes from one source, I am not well informed. I receive just one point of view.

The regulation prohibiting "cross-ownership" insures for me the opportunity to be well informed. That's the only way I can make intelligent decisions about things that may affect my life. If one company controls the news media in Connecticut, I'm deprived of the opportunity to know all sides of an issue. I don't want to form an opinion based on how one company presents the news.

I urge the Federal Communications Commission to keep the ban on cross-ownership.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,


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